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Dominican Aftermath: Fulbright Challenged



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Sen. Russell Long, D., La., challenged Sen. J. W. Fulbright, D., Ark., yesterday to make public still secret testimony before the Foreign Relations Committee on American intervention in the Dominican Republic revolt.

If Sen. Fulbright, the committee chairman, does reveal the testimony, Sen. Long declared, it will not support Sen. Fulbright's contention the United States was wrong to intervene with Marines and troops.

Nor, he added in a television interview, will the transcripts prove, as Sen. Fulbright contended, that the U. S. step was based on inflated reports to the White House on the role of Communists in the uprising.

"There is a great amount of information which was available to Sen. Fulbright—and still is—which he may know about, and may not, which very strongly supports the contentions . . . that this country (the Dominican Republic) was very much in danger of being taken over by a Communist conspiracy," Sen. Long asserted.

If Sen. Fulbright doesn't know where to obtain such information, his Democratic colleague from Louisiana continued, he will be glad to

give him the names of prospective witnesses who can supply it.

"All he has got to do," said Sen. Long, "is call these witnesses. They are the people who would be the obvious ones you ought to call if you want to know how strong the Communists were at this place and that. I can tell him where he can find a lot of information he doesn't seem to know about."

Sen. Long, a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, said he had read the transcripts of the closed-door hearings on the revolt which attempted to oust a military junta. But, he said he couldn't discuss them publicly because of the secrecy seal.

Meanwhile, Sen. Jacob Javits, R., N. Y., repeated an earlier assertion that Sen. Fulbright was wrong in downgrading the Communist danger in the Dominican Republic. He added, however, in a TV interview, that the damage has been done, and the job now is to repair it.

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